

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

Director Ware opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Director Ware noted that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

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1. By forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and Elmer Times Co.
  2. By posting notice thereof on the bulletin board in the Salem County Court House and County Administration Building; and
  3. By filing notice thereof in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.
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**ROLL CALL:** Freeholders Bobbitt, Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan, Simmermon, Bestwick, and Director Ware were present.

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 16, 2006 meeting. Minutes are received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book, Seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, and carried 7-0.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Director Ware and Freeholder Simmermon presented the Citation Recognizing the Patten Family as Successful Salem County Farmers.

Director Ware presented the Citation Honoring the 2006 Salem High School Girls Softball Team.

The Citation Honoring Norman Scott Townsend – Eagle Scout Recipient was read.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**GENERAL**

Steven C. Talpas, Grants Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety – notice that the FFY 04 State Homeland Security Grant Program is closed

Patricia Polansky, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Aging and Community Services, Department of Health and Senior Services – letter of thanks for the corrective action plans for the 2005 annual assessment and finds that all performance standards have been adequately addressed

Sheree J. Davis, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator, Department of Transportation – letter stating the Federal Highway Administration has authorized funding to collect data for the County Road Sidewalk Inventory Project

Adel Ebeid, Chief Technology Officer, Chair, 9-1-1 Commission, Office of Information Technology – notice of the approval of the Enhanced 9-1-1 Grant Application(s)

Maria T. Usas, Section Supervisor, Fiscal Resources, Grants Management & Review Program, Office of Financial Services, Department of Health & Senior Services – notice of an increase 2006 Area Plan Contract – Social Services Delivery System for Older Adults

Ira G. Megdal, Cozen O'Connor Attorneys – Notice of Filing of Petition Proposing to Increase Existing rate Levels and of Public Hearing

Virginia Saull, Nami President, Nami of Salem County – letter thanking the Board for another year of funding which will provide the schools with the “Breaking the Silence” program

Cumberland County – resolution supporting Assembly Bill A-3093 and Senate Bill 1973 to increase the Casino Revenue “Senior Citizens and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program” allocation

Hudson County – resolution supporting the passage and enactment of New Jersey Legislative Bills A-3093/S-1973 to increase funding of senior citizens and disabled resident transportation programs

Middlesex County – 2 resolutions

- urging Governor Corzine and State Legislature to take all actions necessary to convene a constitutional tax convention
- resolution supporting passage of Assembly Bill A-3093 which would increase the portion of the Casino Revenue Tax Fund devoted to funding Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program from 7.5% to 8.5%

Monmouth County – 2 resolutions

- authorizing the filing of a complaint with the Council on Local Mandates concerning the New Jersey Department of Transportation’s (NJDOT) decision to eliminate funding for deer carcass removal on local roadways
- resolution supporting Assembly Bill 1707 and Senate Bill 1522 which provide for the establishment of county offices for the disabled

South Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council – copy of the September 19<sup>th</sup> tentative agenda

Herbert W. Roeschke, Public Health Coordinator, Salem County Department of Health and Senior Services – notice of a budget modification to reduce the Cancer Education and Early Detection Grant

Dante Rieti, Cumberland/Salem Workforce Investment Board – notices of Deobligation for WFND – TANF EEI & CAVP funding that did not meeting expenditure requirements

Connie W. Carter, Salem City resident – letter of concern regarding the road surface at the railroad crossing at the juncture of Market Street and the Salem Creek

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

For the Month of June

Office of the Disabled

For the Month of July

Office of the Disabled

Emergency Services

Veterans Services

For the Month of August

Ranch Hope Shelter of Hope population report

Surrogate

#### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES**

Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Advisory Committee August 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes & September 14<sup>th</sup> Agenda

Salem Community College Board of Trustees change in meeting times

Board of Social Services August 24<sup>th</sup> Agenda

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved to accept and file the correspondence, departmental reports, committee and commission reports, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, and carried 7-0.

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved for the payment of all bills and claims for the County of Salem, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, and carried 7-0.

Director Ware asked if there were any objections to the resolutions being read in bulk, hearing none the meeting continued.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Sullivan**

2006-340 Resolution Requesting Change in Title, Text or Amount of Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85, (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

2006-341 Finance Resolution Modifying a Grant Award per Notification from the State of New Jersey

2006-342 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check

2006-343 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Development, Production and Duplication of a Multi-Media CD-ROM for the County of Salem (\$29,650 – AVC Pictures, Inc.)

Deputy Director Bobbitt moved, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Bestwick questioned 2006-343, were answered by the Clerk and the PIO. She also requested that all Freeholders be allowed to view it prior to final publication. Carried 7-0.

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE –Sullivan, Ware, Simmermon**

2006-344 Resolution Awarding Contract for the Provision of Upgrading the Fire Detection and Alarm System at the Salem County Office of Emergency Services Building for the County of Salem (\$57,000 – Bevan Security Systems, Inc.)

2006-344 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Providing Veterans Transportation Services for the County of Salem (\$13,000 – B.R. Williams, Inc.)

Moved by freeholder Sullivan, seconded by Freeholder Simmermon, carried, 7-0.

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Simmermon, Bestwick, Ware**

2006-346 Resolution Amending Resolution #2006-87 Authorizing a Contract for Halfway House Services as Related to the Salem County Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

2006-347 Resolution Approving a Contract for Professional Services for the County of Salem (Merion Gardens Assisted Living)

2006-348 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contracts for Professional Services (\$32,281 – Kathleen O. Vito, PhD, RN)

2006-349 Resolution Authorizing Transfers between New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the Transfer of Vehicle Title

2006-350 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the New Jersey Division of Disability Services for the County of Salem

2006-351 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$12,832 – PASP Supplemental Funding Grant)

- 2006-352 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$25,640 – Area Plan Grant)
- 2006-353 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and the Clerk of the Board to Sign the Health Service Grant Renewal Application for the 2006 Local Core Capacity Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Preparedness
- 2006-354 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$686,598 – Public Health Preparedness & Response for Bioterrorism)
- 2006-355 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$65,000 – Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan)
- 2006-356 Resolution Authorizing Contract for the Administration of the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Year 2006 (\$11,146.88 – Pilesgrove Township; \$6,420.08 – Pittsgrove Township)

Moved by Freeholder Simmermon, seconded by Freeholder Bestwick, and carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Lindenmuth, Bobbitt, Timberman**

- 2006-357 Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Supporting the Prosecutor's Office Application for the Sex Offender Central Internet Registry Grant Program Administered by the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety
- 2006-358 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1949 (\$268,374 – FY06 Homeland Security Grant Program)
- 2006-359 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$44,732.51 – FY05 Homeland Security Grant Program)

Moved by Freeholder Lindenmuth, seconded by Freeholder Bobbitt, and carried 7-0.

**PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan**

- 2006-360 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$399,668 – Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Funds; Adult - \$153,044; Youth - \$151,165; Dislocated Worker \$95,459)

Moved by Freeholder Timberman, seconded by Freeholder Timberman, and carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Bestwick, Simmermon**

- 2006-361 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Parvin Mill Road, County Road #645 and Almond Road, County Road #540 in Pittsgrove Township, Salem County

Moved by Deputy Director Bobbitt, seconded by Freeholder Bestwick, and carried 7-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Freeholder Bestwick noted that there was no resolution for the salary increase to the Clerk of the Board. She questioned who made the decision to increase the salary. Director Ware noted that the Administration Committee made that decision. Freeholder Bestwick noted that no decision for personnel

salary changes for unclassified individuals can be made in committee but should be brought before the entire freeholder board. Freeholder Sullivan noted that the PAR system is utilized after an enabling resolution has been adopted. Director Ware noted that Freeholder Bestwick should be aware of the procedures under the admin committee; Freeholder Bestwick stated that she wouldn't know because in eight years of being a freeholder she has never served on admin. Solicitor Voyles noted that she will obtain the answer; Freeholder Bestwick requested the answer to be in writing.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Simmermon brought up a notification of a Farming Conference in Delaware. He requested that someone from the County be authorized to attend. The topic includes helping the Farmer. This will be passed on to the Agricultural Board. Freeholder Simmermon also invited the Freeholders to a Choir fest.

Director Ware noted the change in the Tech Committee, to the COOP/COG committee to further advance the protection of County government from interruption of services. Freeholder Lindenmuth further commented that he attended a workshop on this subject and noted the importance of the efforts.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Caltabiano noted that the County ought to adopt an email policy.

Paul Scott noted that he filed a federal complaint concerning sidewalks in Carneys Point. He also noted the correspondence for road sidewalk projects in today's meeting. The Clerk read the correspondence for Mr. Scott. He also noted route 540 is damaged from heavy traffic. Deputy Director Bobbitt stated that he will look into that issue.

2006-362 Deputy Director Bobbitt moved the resolution authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from a Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem for litigation, seconded by Sullivan, carried 7-0. Meeting moved into closed session at 8:12 pm.

Meeting returned to open session at 8:36 pm and adjourned with no further action.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage  
Clerk of the Board